## **EPA Brownfields Program**

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

## **Assessment Grant**

\$300,000 for hazardous substances

\$300,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Grays Harbor Council of Governments for a brownfields assessment coalition grant. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct nine Phase I and six Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare three cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination. Grant funds of both types also will be used to update the current brownfields inventory, create up to two area-wide plans, and support community outreach and involvement activities. Assessment activities will focus on the economically distressed areas of Fry Creek in East Hoquiam and West Aberdeen, Downtown Aberdeen, and Downtown Cosmopolis. Coalition partners are the Cities of Aberdeen, Hoquiam, and Cosmopolis.

## **Contacts**

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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Grant Recipient: Grays Harbor Council of Governments, WA (360) 537-4386

The information presented in this fact sheet comes from the grant proposal; EPA cannot attest to the accuracy of this information. The cooperative agreement for the grant has not yet been negotiated. Therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.